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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: Computer Network System And Portable Computer



Group Art Unit: 2756

Examiner: J. Cardone

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2000, having a period for response set to expire on May 25, 2000.

In the Office Action the Examiner issued a restriction requirement. The applicant hereby elects the Group I claims (claims 1-11 and 16) with traverse.

The present invention teaches allocating optimum resources to a destination to which a mobile computer such as a notebook size personal computer is moved, when the computer is connected to a network. For this purpose, a server for managing the location and available resources is provided in the network.

Claims 1-11 are directed to a case where the network is constructed across a plurality of rooms and resources are determined by allowing the server to notice options for the destination to which the user moves, so that the user can make a selection. On the other hand, the Group II claims (claims 12 and 13) are directed to a network constructed separately in each room. In

this case, as the destination to which the user moves is fixed, the server does not present options but directly provides necessary resources. The Group III claims (claims 14 and 15) are directed to a network constructed across a plurality of rooms where the mobile computer is connected to the network by a wireless arrangement. In this case, resources are noticed considering that the user is at a position where the connected base station is located. This assumes that the wireless system to be used is capable of selecting a nearest base station, but any wireless apparatus of micro-power type may be used.

In summary, all of the claims share the same feature that a mobile computer recognizes the server and receives notice on resources from the server.

With respect to claims 12 and 13, the Examiner points out that resources are polled. However, the notice of resources is made only once for each connection immediately after the connecting operation, and thus, it is regarded that no polling is performed. Further, claim 9 in elected Group I is directed to providing an information consent with identifiers indicating the installation positions so as to determine the location of a mobile computer in accordance with the identifier and noticing resources. In this case, the basic concept is the same as that of claims 14 and 15 which uses a wireless arrangement.

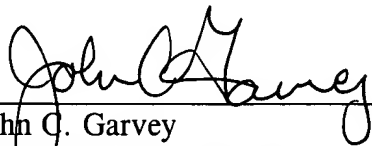
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In summary, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that all claims be examined.

Respectfully submitted,

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